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SUBJ: NIGERIAN MPLA DONATION ALLEGED STOLEN

1. AT POLO CLUB PARTY JANUARY 15 GENERAL HASSAN KATSINA AND BRIGADIERS OLUWOLE ROTIMI AND MOBALAJI JOHNSON (ALL RETIRED) WERE TALKING WITH GLEEFUL SATISFACTION ABOUT THEFT OF 13.5 MILLION NAIRA FMG DONATION TO MPLA. THEY ALLEGED THEFT ACCOMPLISHED BY MPLA OFFICIAL, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO ABSCONDED WITH MONEY. NONE OF THREE INFORMANTS WILLING CITE WHERE THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM.

2. COMMENT: STORY SEEMS IMPROBABLE, AND AT SAME TIME MUCH THE SORT OF RUMOR THAT WOULD BE FABRICATED BY DISSATISFIED YORUBA TO EMBARRASS CURRENT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. HASSAN'S PARTICIPATION DOES NOT FIT WITH WIDE-SPREAD LOCAL BELIEF HE CLOSE TO MURTALLA MOHAMMED DISPUTE RETIREMENT, AND POSSIBLY A POWER BEHIND MOHAMMED'S THRONE. PROTECT INFORMANTS.
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